

YUKON RIVER NEWS RELEASE

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Yukon River Area Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C Subsistence Salmon Fishing Schedule

This news release is to remind subsistence fishers that the subsistence salmon fishing schedule in Upper Yukon Area Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C will return to two 48-hour periods per week. Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C includes the villages of Tanana and Rampart, and the Yukon River Bridge Area.

Subsistence fishing for salmon closes beginning 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 20 and reopens at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 22. Effective 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 22 subsistence fishing for salmon will open for two 48-hour periods per week from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays until 6:00 p.m. Thursdays and from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Sundays. This subsistence salmon fishing schedule will remain in effect until further notice.

Subsistence fishing for non-salmon species will remain open 7 days per week. A reminder to fishers gillnets used for harvesting non-salmon species during salmon fishing closures in Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C are restricted to a maximum length of 60 feet and a maximum mesh size of 4-inches. Fish wheels may not be used to fish for non-salmon species during subsistence salmon fishing closures.

Subsistence fishers are reminded that a subsistence fishing permit to fish for all species is required for the Haul Road Bridge area from the mouth of Hess Creek upstream to the mouth of the Dall River. Fishers fishing all other areas of Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars.

For additional information contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game toll free number (outside the Fairbanks area) at 1-866-479-7387, or 459-7387 within the Fairbanks area. If you have any questions regarding this report call the Fairbanks office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game at 459-7274.

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